

Apply Reading Strategy #2

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"Whereas the reservation set apart by act of Congress approved April fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, for the use and occupancy {Page 262} of the Gros Ventre, Piegan, Blood, Blackfoot, River Crow, (1) and such other Indians as the President might, from time to time, see fit to locate thereon, is (2) wholly out of proportion to the number of Indians occupying the same, and greatly in excess of their present or prospective wants; and whereas the (3) said Indians are desirous of disposing of so much thereof as they do not require, in order to obtain the means to enable them to become self-supporting, as a pastoral and agricultural people, and (4) to educate their children in the paths of civilization: Therefore, to carry out such purpose, it is hereby agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Hereafter the permanent homes of the various tribes or bands of said Indians shall be upon the separate reservations hereinafter described and set apart. (5) Said Indians acknowledging the rights of the various tribes or bands, at each of the existing agencies within their present reservation, to determine for themselves, with the United States, the boundaries of their separate reservation, hereby agree to accept and abide by such agreements and conditions as to the location and boundaries of such separate reservation as may be made and agreed upon by the United States and the tribes or bands for which such separate reservation may be made, and as the said separate boundaries may be hereinafter set forth." (from Vol. 1, Laws (Compiled to December 1, 1902) Chapter 213: May 1, 1888. / 25 Stat., 113. (Page 261-267)

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